Repairing Tire Hole/Puncture

Repair a hole or puncture in your tire by using a tire plug.

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INTRODUCTION

Flat/leaky tires are a part of life. Tires are made of rubber and therefore can be punctured. While there is little anyone can do to prevent this, a simple fix is available. When a nail or any other sharp object punctures a hole in a car tire it causes the tire to leak air consistently, which can be very dangerous if not fixed. Using a few simple tools, a punctured tire can be fixed using a tire plug. Remember to be sure to perform the repair on level ground. The car engine should be off and the parking brake engaged.

TOOLS:
- Air compressor (1)
- Tire Plug Kit (1)
- Slip Joint Pliers (1)
- Spray Bottle (1)
- Soapy Water (1)
- Old Rag (1)
- Air Pressure Gague (1)
Step 1 — Repairing Tire Hole/Puncture

- Wipe the surface of the tire with a rag to remove any loose dirt, rocks, or debris.

Step 2

- Using the air compressor, air the tire up to the original recommended weight for the vehicle.

⚠️ Air is expected to continue to leak out so do not worry if you cannot get it perfect.
Step 3

- Use the air pressure gauge to make sure the tire is now aired up to its original pressure.

Step 4

- Spray the surface of the tire completely with the soapy water.
Step 5

- Look for tiny air bubbles forming from the leaking air and soap combination, this is where the hole is located.

Step 6

- Once the hole is located, remove any foreign objects with the pliers if present.

ℹ️ Any object that is stuck in the tire, or puncturing the tire is considered a foreign object. These may include sharp objects, commonly seen as nails, screws, or pieces of metal.
Step 7

- Insert the reamer into the puncture.
- Work the reamer in and out while twisting to clean and prep the puncture.

Step 8

- Put the plug into the insertion tool.
Step 9

- Insert the plug into the punctured area, leaving about ¼ inch of the plug above the surface of the tire.
- Yank the insertion tool so the plug remains in the tire, but the tool releases.
- Cut the remaining plug so it is flush with the tire.

Step 10

- Refill the tire to the proper pressure.
Step 11

- Use the air pressure gauge to make sure that the tire is back to its original air pressure.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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